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1. Korean immigrants in Manchuria, numbering about 4,000,000,* are concentrated on the west bank of the Yalu River at Antung, Kuantien (124-46, 40-44), Tunghua, Santaokou (124-48, 41-48) and Wolungking (125-43, 42-39). About 15 July 1950 a joint Sino-Soviet advisory group was formed to recruit 200,000 able-bodied Koreans in that area. The recruits will be given three months of rigid military training, then organized into reserves and held for reinforcements in Korea when needed.
2. Of 17 divisions of the 4 Field Army transferred to Manchuria, 12 are stationed along the Korean border.** The remaining five are stationed between Antung and Hailung (125-48, 42-39) and along the South Manchurian Railroad. In early August LIN Piao visited Manchuria to instruct the troops personally.
3. Four armies of the 4 Field Army crossed the Yalu River near Antung into Korean border territory.***
4. Communist troops under the Northeast Military Area Command are being used for repair work on a Harbin-Dairen highway which was started but not completed by the Japanese in Manchuria. The Communists are planning to recruit a large number of civilian laborers to work on this highway immediately after the autumn harvest. The road is to be finished by the end of 1950.
5. The machinery of the Anshan (122-57, 41-08) steel refinery which was dismantled and removed by the Soviets is being gradually sent back. The Communists are putting the machinery into operation to increase military production.

* [REDACTED] Comment. According to Japanese official figures, there were 1,900,000 Korean immigrants in Manchuria.

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